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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS REPORTEDLY PLANNING EARLY RETURN TO
CYPRUS

1. DURING A MEETING WITH ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY
LOWENSTEIN NOVEMBER 4, DR. LUDWIG STEINER, VISITING
DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND AUSTRIAN
AMBASSADOR TO GREECE AND CYPRUS FROM 1964 TO 1972, RELATED
HIGHLIGHTS OF A PERSONAL CONVERSATION HE HAD HAD LAST
WEEK IN NEW YORK WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS. MAKARIOS TOLD
STEINER THAT HE INTENDED TO RETURN TO CYPRUS BY THE END OF
NOVEMBER, AND THAT HE HAD ABSOLUTELY NO INTENTION OF RE-
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SIGNING AS PRESIDENT.

2. MAKARIOS WAS UNHAPPY ABOUT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS, AND WAS PARTICULARLY DISAPPOINTED ABOUT THE LACK OF SUPPORT FROM THE NONALIGNED STATES HE HAD WORKED WITH OVER THE YEARS AND HAD COUNTED ON. MAKARIOS SAID HE REALIZED THAT HE COULD EXPECT NO HELP FROM THE SOVIETS, AND, IN THIS CONNECTION, TOLD STEINER THAT HE NOW FELT A CERTAIN PRO-AMERICAN INCLINATION "DEEP IN HIS HEART."

3. STEINER, WHO KNOWS MAKARIOS WELL, WAS CONVINCED THAT THE ARCHBISHOP'S DECISION TO RETURN TO CYPRUS WAS IRREVERSIBLE. IN STEINER'S OPINION, THIS NEED NOT BE AN UNWELCOME

DEVELOPMENT, BECAUSE IN THE LONG RUN NO POLITICAL SETTLEMENT ON CYPRUS COULD BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT MAKARIOS' ACTIVE SUPPORT. STEINER BELIEVED CLERIDES COULD NOT MAKE ANY IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE DECISIONS WITHOUT MAKARIOS-- AND SAID THAT IT WAS POTENTIALLY HARMFUL FOR MAKARIOS TO KEEP ISSUING DIRECTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM ABROAD. STEINER BELIEVED THAT WHEN MAKARIOS RETURNED TO CYPRUS HE WOULD MAKE "A RESPONSIBLE STATEMENT" RENOUNCING ENOSIS. INGERSOLL

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